

# Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 8, 2025



## Principal's Messages

### Re-opening of the nature trail

On Tuesday morning, students from Batten and Te Puea Learning Communities had the privilege of attending the reopening of the Nature Trail at the front of the school.

This special area holds deep historical and cultural significance, as the trees were originally planted to commemorate fallen soldiers from our school who fought in World War I. To ensure their longevity, we closed the trail last year to allow damaged trees time to regenerate and recover.

To help students navigate the space safely and respectfully, trees that are safe to climb are marked with a disc, while those still recovering are identified with a school-coloured scarf. All students have completed a lesson with their teachers on the expectations for using this area, reinforcing both environmental care and respect for its heritage.

We look forward to seeing our students enjoy and care for this space, working together as a school to preserve it for future generations.

### Haramura

Ten exchange students from Haramura Junior High School in Japan will arrive at our school this afternoon to begin their homestay with our families. We are excited for this exchange and the opportunity to further strengthen our ties with our sister school in Japan.

Throughout the week, our visitors will immerse themselves in daily school life at Pukekohe Intermediate, joining classes and engaging with our students. They will also explore and connect with our local community, gaining a deeper appreciation of New Zealand culture.

We look forward to welcoming them and fostering lasting friendships through this special exchange programme!



### HEART Value Winners

Congratulations to our LC HEART Values winners for Week 7! 🎉

**Batten** - Harlow Watson

**Hillary** - Ruby Booth

**Lomu** - Jason Hermitte

**Rutherford** - Shannia Dorman

**Sheppard** - Junior Muru-Beazley

**Te Puea** - Alicia Ridgley

### Ecofest

A month-long celebration of our unique environment and sustainable living across Taamaki Makaurau, Auckland.

EcoFest is packed with interactive workshops, experiences and activities for all ages that celebrate and restore our natural environment and offer practical ways to live more sustainably.

Check their website out at

[www.ecofest.org.nz](http://www.ecofest.org.nz)

-Erin Ware, Kaitiaki Lead Teacher



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## 2025 School Production

### HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR

Thank you to our Director, Laura Padayachee, for giving all 200 students who you have seen in the last three weeks the opportunity to audition and put their hand up for the 2025 High School Musical Jr production. We know this has been a big job for both you and your supporting production staff getting the cast and chorus selected.

Congratulations to the following students on winning Lead Character roles.

LEAD CHARACTERS	CAST A	CAST B
Gabriella Montez	Jade Marino Rawiri	Lily Sykes
Troy Bolton	Adrian Aisea Joe	Logan Paul
Sharpay Evans	Mikaela Truter	Amber Dalmer
Ryan Evans	Chase Payne	Griffin McQueen
Kelsi Nielsen	Anabelle Warne	Esra Balaban
Chad Danforth	Dion Crosswell	Declan Andrews
Zeke Baylor	Owain Brett-Chinnery	Munro Tuapawa
Taylor McKessie	Gemma Duley	Rinoa Bautista
Martha Cox	Genevieve Watson	Ruby Booth
Ms Darbus	Zara Cooksley	Elise McGrath
Coach Bolton	Oliver Thorpe	Sam Kitchin
Jack Scott	Liam Ontong	Kade Foote



## Student Leadership Announcements

On Thursday afternoon, our Learning Communities announced their student leaders for 2025. Today, our senior leadership team will meet with the full leadership cohort to celebrate and congratulate them.

We are excited to invite whaanau to join us for the Student Leadership Assembly on Tuesday 1st April at 1:30 pm—we look forward to celebrating this special moment together!



## Giant Waterslide Fundraiser a Splashing Success!

Last weekend, the Pukekohe Showgrounds were filled with laughter, excitement, and plenty of water as families and friends came together for our Giant Waterslide fundraiser. With a 100-metre downhill slide, participants of all ages zoomed down on swim rings, creating unforgettable memories while supporting a great cause.

The event, held on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 March, was organised to raise funds for Pukekohe Intermediate's Japan Exchange Trip. Thanks to the incredible turnout and enthusiastic participation, we successfully raised a significant amount to help support students on this valuable cultural and educational experience.

Families enjoyed the thrill of the slide, with many eager to go for multiple rounds! The warm weather made it the perfect weekend to cool off and have fun while contributing to our school's international exchange programme.

A huge thank you to our wonderful community for their support and to the dedicated parents who organised this fantastic fundraiser. Your hard work and generosity have made a real difference, and we truly appreciate it!

## What's on next week?

### Term 1 Week 9

(Monday 24th - Friday 28th March)

#### Monday

- Batten HUB (AM)
- Sheppard HUB (PM)

#### Tuesday

- Lomu HUB (AM)
- Hilary HUB (PM)

#### Wednesday

- Outside Schools HUB
- Pukekohe North
- School social @ Franklin Baptist Church 7pm-9pm

#### Thursday

- Te Puea HUB (AM)
- Rutherford HUB (PM)

#### Friday

- Passion Projects

## ENVIRO Challenge

Our dedicated caretakers, Matua Ken, Matua Kevin, and Whaea Kirsty, have reviewed students' recycling efforts to determine this week's winners.

🌱 Congratulations to our winning Learning Community: **Sheppard**

Thank you all for your commitment to protecting our environment—together, we're making a real difference. 🌍♻️

Learning Community	Recycling	LC Area	Bonus
Batten	3	1	
Hilary	2		
Lomu	3		
Parkside	2		
Rutherford	1		
Sheppard	4	1	
Te Puea	3	1	



## Counties Zone Swimming Success

Our students made a splash at the 2025 Counties Zone Swimming event, delivering outstanding performances and bringing home an impressive collection of results. Congratulations to all our swimmers for their hard work, determination, and sportsmanship.

### Individual Results:

- Sydney Hughes – 2nd in Year 7 Girls 100m Freestyle, 2nd in Year 7 Girls 50m Freestyle, 3rd in Year 7 Girls Backstroke
- Meela Goulstone – 1st in Year 7 Girls Backstroke
- Matilda Shackleton – 2nd in Year 7 Girls Breaststroke
- Oliver Coombes – 3rd in Year 8 Boys 100m Freestyle, 3rd in Open Boys Butterfly
- Azaria Forbes – 3rd in Year 8 Girls Breaststroke

### Team Results:

- Year 7 Girls Relay Team – 1st
- Year 7 Boys Relay Team – 1st
- Year 8 Girls Relay Team – 2nd
- Year 8 Boys Relay Team – 2nd
- Open Girls Medley Team – 2nd
- Open Boys Medley Team – 2nd

These fantastic results are a testament to the dedication and effort of our students, as well as the support and guidance provided by our staff. A huge thank you to Whaea Jody our Lead Teacher of Sport, Whaea Ann-Maree our Sports Coordinator and all the staff involved in preparing and supporting our swimmers on the day. Your encouragement and organisation made this experience a rewarding one for our tamariki.

Ka mau te wehi to all our swimmers—your dedication and achievements make us incredibly proud!





# Community Messages

*Bakers Delight*



## HOT CROSS BUNS!

**ORDER YOUR FRESHLY BAKED 6PACK  
BAKERS DELIGHT HOT CROSS BUNS**

**3 FLAVOURS:**

**TRADITIONAL, CHOC CHIP, APPLE & CINNAMON**

**\$12 PER PACK**

**ORDERS CLOSE: FRIDAY 4TH APRIL (WEEK 10)**

**DELIVERY: TUESDAY 8TH APRIL (WEEK 11)**

**Fundraise with us  
this Easter!**



**ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE  
STUDENT CENTRE.**

**PAYMENTS VIA KINDO (ONLINE) OR  
CASH/EFTPOS AT THE  
STUDENT CENTRE.**

**ANY QUERIES PLEASE SEE  
WHAEA LAURA R31**